

### REMARKS

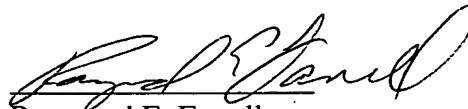
Prior to examination of the above-identified application, entry of new claims 11-27 is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 1-27 are presently pending in the application.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$105.00, as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16, covering the fee for one (1) independent claim in excess of three (3) and seven (7) claims in excess of twenty (20). If it is determined that any additional fee is required for entry of this amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2140 in the name of Carter, De Luca, Farrell & Schmidt, LLP.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number indicated below.

An early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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